

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

Allison Leigh,

Petitioner,

v.

**Alaska Children's Service, and
Republic Indemnity Company of
America,**

Respondents.

Supreme Court No. **S-17462**

Order

Date of Order: **6/5/19**

AWCAC Appeal No. 19-005

On 5/16/19, petitioner Allison Leigh filed with this court a notice of her intent to file a petition for review. She apparently intends to seek review of a 5/7/19 order of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission that denied a petition for review of an interlocutory decision of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board, continuing proceedings before the Board while an appeal to this court is pending on an issue involving the employer's access to petitioner's mental health records. On 5/20/19, petitioner filed with this court a motion that her petition for review be treated as confidential, arguing that certain of her medical records relate to her status as a victim of crime in her childhood. On 5/28/19, respondents filed a limited opposition.

Until the petitioner files a petition for review, this court cannot know whether the substance of the medical records petitioner seeks to keep confidential has any relevance to her petition. The 5/7/19 Commission order appears to be wholly procedural, i.e., it involves the propriety of continuing proceedings before the Board pending this court's review of the earlier petition for review. On this record, there is no

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reason to assume that this proceeding should not be open to the public as in the usual course. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the 5/20/19 motion to treat case as confidential is DENIED without prejudice to petitioner's ability to raise the issue again once she has filed a petition for review that sufficiently identifies its basis.

The petition for review is now due on or before **6/20/19**.

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